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Meetings

The club meets on the 1st Thursday of the month at 7:30pm at the Danforth Museum near entrance on Lexington St., Framingham, Ma.

NEXT MEETING
MARCH 3, 1988

Sorry, but there are no meeting minutes this month. The meeting was cancelled due to a snowstorm.

Guest Speaker

Richard Landau, W1IBN, will speak on Marine Radio. He will talk about the equipment, antennas, operation and tie it all together with how it relates to Ham Radio.

"NE2Q FOR ID"

or

How to sound like a Jerk!

(From Westchester Emergency Communications Association)

This is for all you so called broadcaster type hams that use the term, "FOR ID" after your callsign.

You don't know what a 'broadcaster' type ham is? Well, he's the guy that likes to listen to himself talk. He usually can be spotted by his long winded transmissions without a break. He jumps from one subject to another like a jack rabbit, never leaving space for someone to comment. When he finally turns it over to the person that's listening the listener is usually so bored he simply makes some excuse and moves off frequency.

The broadcaster uses phonetics for his call each time he turns it over, even if he just received a report of 5 by 9. He'll even use phonetics as he announces his

call each transmission on a repeater. He loves his call and uses it as much as possible.

Most broadcasters are so involved with the constant announcing of their call signs they've lost the actual reason to use a call sign. Hence the use of the term...NE2Q (FOR ID).

* The broadcaster does not believe that the mere mentioning of his call sign once every 10 minutes properly identifies his station. He feels that a simple announcement of the call is not sufficient and those that are listening would not understand his usage. So...by saying (FOR ID) after his call, he's saying to all those on frequency, "hey dummies out there, I know you hear my call letters but you don't know why I'm using them! Well, for your information, you fool, this is my identification."

This practice of mainly newcomers to the hobby seems to have originated on two meter repeaters. Now it is spreading like cancer to the HF bands. Guess the beginners think that the art of (FOR ID) you can move on to some other extensively used broadcaster terms such as 'BY GOLLY' and 'VERY VERY FINE'.

When you feel comfortable using these moronic terms in your vocabulary, you can move up to the ultimate (ID). When you meet someone in person for the first time, state your name followed by (FOR ID). After all, most non-hams don't know yet that a name by itself is not really the proper way to identify oneself!

Example: Good morning. My name is Jay for ID.

(FOR ID) can also be used to snare that rare exotic DX station. Simply call CQ DX and sign as follows: NE2Q4ID. The unsuspecting DX will assume you are actually NE2Q/4ID and operating portable

in (4ID) land. Yes, the DX will be chasing you.

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Have You Heard!

While listening to our own Framingham Repeater, 147.15, as most of us all do, we often hear of new places of interest and of course good places to eat in the "Metrowest". During one of these informative QSO's I learned of this new restaurant which Judy and I had to try. Actually, I will give due credit to Mort Eagle, N1CLA, for this find.

The place is "Francesca's" in Natick. Had it not been for an injury that sent Mort to Leonard Morse Hospital for an X-ray this unsuspected spot might have remained an unclaimed treasure. This restaurant is located on the corner of Route 135 and Union St. in Natick. Parking is available across the street in the bank parking lot. Her hours are 11am till 7pm.

Now, let me tell you about the charm that the owner of this little place has brought to this former diner. She specializes in homemade pasta. She prefers to think of her place as primarily catering to a take-out clientele. However she has some counter seating and 4 tables. Some of her specialties are better than you will find in finer Italian Restaurants in the North End to loosely quote Mort. Mort says her Chicken Primavera is the best he has ever had. My wife Judy enjoyed the Pesto while I loved the white clam sauce. Lucia is the happy owner of "Francesca's".

Lucia has offered to put together an informal little dinner for anyone in the club who would like to join us. The proposed date is Friday, March 18, 1988 at 6pm. She can handle about 24 people. If you would like to join us for an informal dinner give Mort Eagle a call so we can give Lucia an idea of how many people to expect. Mort 358-7974 See you there!

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Jon Weiner, K1VVC, says the breakfasts at the **Sunnyside Cafe** in Marlboro are very good and we've enjoyed the one in Ashland of the same name! Jon also says **The Village Restaurant** in Marlboro has great waffles for you waffle lovers.

Marty Green, WA1WHU, says the french toast at the new **Hole in the Wall Deli** in Framingham Center is excellent.

I personally must also mention that I think that of the places we've tried **Norman's Restaurant** in Holliston has the best breakfast. They also serve dinner on Friday night only.

Lew Nyman, K1AZE, recommends that you try **Gill's Grill** in Westboro.

Here ends the repeater news!

Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast!

Many of us have in past years met together at this annual event held in Framingham at the Plymouth Church in Framingham Centre. The date of the event this year is Saturday March 19, 1988 from 7 am till noon. See you there!

The Framingham Flea Market is Coming Soon!

Mark your calendars now for the largest indoor flea market in New England coming on Sunday April 10, 1988 to be held at the Framingham Civic League building.

For those of you who are interested in reserving a table contact Jon Weiner, K1VVC 877-7166. There will be more details in the next issue of the Framingham Circuit.

Dick Marshall, WA1KUG, is in need of VE's (volunteer examiners) for the exam sessions to be held at the flea market. If you hold an Advanced Class or Extra Class license and are not a VE yet. Contact the ARRL in Newington, Ct. to get certified as a VE and also let Dick know so he can count on you April 10. See Ya!

Annual Banquet!

Annual Dues!

Here is a reminder that your annual Framingham Amateur Radio Association and Repeater dues are due. Those of you have paid already know who you are so you can disregard this notice. The annual club dues are \$10 and \$5 for senior citizens. Repeater dues are \$10. If you have any questions about whether you are current or not contact Dick Marshall, W1KUG, via the twisted pair or the club box.

From The Podium!

Well, we've turned the corner on Winter and Spring is just a few weeks away. What an exciting time of year! Our frozen thoughts of working on antennas and outdoor activities are about to become thawed into reality. March also brings our annual banquet. This year promises to be one of our best and most exciting banquets through the efforts of Dick Landau, W1IBN, and his lovely XYL Cheryl. Please give your support to this special evening by making your reservations early. We need at least 70 reservations to make this a success. Dick will give more information at the meeting. Also at this meeting, if you have not paid your dues for 1988 please do so. Dick, W1KUG, or Marsha, K1JIR, Marshall will be there to take your dues.

Finally, with Spring approaching and the rebirth of many things around us, it is also a time to count our blessings and consider those less fortunate. My thoughts are how we can shed a little light into the lives of handicapped people through Handi-Hams or through our own efforts. Please give this some thought so it can be discussed at the meeting.

73's Burt, N1DDO

Our annual F.A.R.A. Banquet will be held this year at the Indian Meadows Restaurant & Country Club located in Westboro on route 9. Dick Landau, W1IBN, has provided a reservation form with complete details on the banquet for you in this newsletter. Fill it in as soon as you can and send it with your check back to Dick as soon as possible so we can have a good count. Save the date Saturday March 26, 1988. We'll see you there!

ARRL Bulletins

HR ARRL BULLETIN NR 14
FROM ARRL HEADQUARTERS
NEWINGTON, CT.
FEBRUARY 8, 1988
TO ALL RADIO AMATEURS BT

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING TO YOUR SECTION MANAGER THE NAMES, ADDRESSES AND CALL SIGNS OF NOMINEES FOR THE 1987 HERB S. BRIER INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR AWARD, FOR VOLUNTEER INSTRUCTORS, OR THE 1987 ARRL PROFESSIONAL TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD, FOR COMPENSATED TEACHERS, IS 1 APRIL 1988.
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HR PROPAGATION FORECAST BULLETIN NR 6
FROM ARRL HEADQUARTERS NEWINGTON, CT.
FEBRUARY 8, 1988
TO ALL RADIO AMATEURS BT

DURING THE PAST WEEK THE SOLAR FLUX AVERAGED 107, VARYING BETWEEN ONLY 106 AND 109. IF SOLAR ACTIVITY FOLLOWS ITS JANUARY PATTERN, WE WILL SEE A CONSIDERABLE RISE IN THE SOLAR FLUX THIS WEEK. THERE HAS BEEN NO MAJOR RISE THUS FAR IN FEBRUARY, BUT A NEW SOLAR FLUX RECORD FOR CYCLE 22 WAS SET ON JANUARY 16. WE WILL BE LOOKING AT THE SAME AREAS OF THE SUN AGAIN LATER THIS WEEK. WATCH WWV SOLAR FLUX INFORMATION TO SEE IF THE AREAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THAT PEAK ARE STILL ACTIVE. THEY WERE NOT VISIBLE ON FEBRUARY 8TH, BUT THE SOLAR FLUX BEGAN A SLOW RISE ON THE 5TH. WHAT HAPPENS IN THE NEXT FEW

DAYS MAY BE IMPORTANT.

IF THE FLUX RISES RAPIDLY, EXPECT HIGH K AND A INDICES AGAIN. HIGH LATITUDE COMMUNICATIONS PATHS MAY BE DEGRADED OR WIPED OUT AT LEAST BRIEFLY. K INDICES ABOVE THREE WILL WARN OF THIS. THE WWV SOLAR FLUX BULLETINS ARE THE BEST INFORMATION AVAILABLE, THEIR K VALUES BEING NO MORE THAN THREE HOURS OLD AT ANY TIME.

MAGNETIC STORMS ARE NOT ALL BAD. THEIR BENEFICIAL EFFECTS, INCLUDING AURORAL PROPAGATION ON THE HIGHER FREQUENCIES, ARE MOST MARKED IN THE HIGH LATITUDES. AURORAL PROPAGATION CAN BE EXCITING STUFF ON 50 AND 144 MHZ. BUZZY CW NOTES AND MULTIPATH DISTORTION ON VOICE SIGNALS ARE IDENTIFYING SOUNDS. AIM ANTENNAS FOR MAXIMUM SIGNAL STRENGTH AND USE CW IF POSSIBLE.

USERS OF LOWER FREQUENCIES SHOULD WATCH FOR SIGNAL ENHANCEMENT ON TRANSEQUATORIAL CIRCUITS. THERE MAY BE LITTLE OR NO DISTORTION. TUNE FOR CW BEACONS OPERATING BETWEEN 50 AND 50.1 MHZ AND 28.2 TO 28.3 MHZ. THE LATTER ARE IN AFRICA, LATIN AMERICA, THE ANTARCTIC, AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND. PROPAGATION ENHANCEMENT ASSOCIATED WITH MAGNETIC DISTURBANCES IS ESPECIALLY MARKED ON 21, 24 AND 28 MHZ, AND IT MAY PRODUCE SIMILAR DX ON 50 MHZ AS SOLAR ACTIVITY INCREASES. AR

For Sale!

- * Motorola "Twin V" 12v mobile transceiver 30 watts.
now rockbound on 39.420 Mhz
- * Realistic Pro 2020 programmable receiver dual supply - 8 band 30-512 Mhz
- * Motorola Tone Pocket Pager - silent Page memory. Works on system 75 mile radius of Boston
- * Sonar Crystal Scanner - 8 channel Hi-VHF 12 VDC / 120 VAC

- * Electronic Siren -12 VDC- P.A./Radio-Manual - auto wale
- * Motorola LCD Pocket Pager - Memory Plus 4 screens of 10 segments
75 mile radius of Boston
- * ICOM IC2AT Hand Held - 2 Meter Tranceiver

Contact George, WA1QGU: 473-1479

Wanted!

Hi!

As the editor of your newsletter I can use your help. I am running out of material for the Framingham Circuit. I can use feature articles either written by you or from other sources. I will print almost anything you think our membership will enjoy reading.

Thank You!

73's, Theodore Gruber, WB1ECE,
Editor

Search is now on for New Officers of F.A.R.A.

Although it may seem far away, now is the time to start thinking of becoming a F.A.R.A. officer. All offices: President; Vice-President; Secretary; and Treasurer are to be considered available. The nominating committee consists of: Julius Hoffer, W1DL, 872-5084; Jonathon Weiner, K1VVC, 877-7166; John MacLeod, WA1IGL, 877-2717. If you have any questions about what the responsibilities and duties of a particular office are and are seriously interested serving your ham radio club please give one of these gentlemen a call. They would love to hear from you!

CLUB: Framingham A.R.A. EVENT: Flea Market
PLACE: Framingham League Center DATE: 10 April 1988
DEALER SETUP: 0830-1000 OPEN TO PUBLIC: 1000
ADMISSION: \$2.00 TABLE PRICES: \$10.00 in advance
TALK-IN: 147.75/.15 REFRESHMENTS: Yes
OTHER NOTES: For Flea Market info. call Jon, K1VVC at 617-877-7166. Table price includes 1 admission. For advance table reservations send check to Framingham Amateur Radio Assoc. 37 Lyman Road, Framingham, Ma 01701. From Rt 128 go West on Rt. 9 from Rt 495 go east on Rt 9. Take Rt 126 south towards Downtown Framingham, (about 2 miles). after the traffic signal near Dunkin Donuts, the Civic League is 2nd and 3rd buildings on the right. Parking is nearby.

CLUB: Dayton Hamvention EVENT: Hamvention/flea market
PLACE: HARA Arena DATE: 29,30 April and 1 May
DEALER SETUP: Friday OPEN TO PUBLIC: Friday at noon. ..
ADMISSION: \$8.00 early \$10.00 at door TABLE PRICES: \$23.00 for 1 space
TALK-IN: REFRESHMENTS: Plenty
OTHER NOTES: For General Info call 513-433-7720 or write PO. bx 2205 Dayton Ohio. For Flea Market info call 513-898-8871, For logging info call 513-223-2612, no reservations by phone. Spaces are \$23.00 for one, \$50.00 for two adjacent or \$150.00 for three Adjacent. Make checks payable to Dayton Hamvention, box 2205, Dayton, Ohio 45401. There is a maximum of three spaces per person (non-Transferable) Ticket (valid for all 3 days) will be sold in ADVANCE ONLY. NO spaces sold at the gate. Vendors MUST order resistration ticket when ordering Flea Market spaces.

CLUB: HOSS TRADERS EVENT: FLEA MARKET
PLACE: Kingston N.H. Fairgrounds DATE: 07 May. 1988(SAT)
DEALER SETUP: Anytime OPEN TO PUBLIC: All night Friday & Sat.
ADMISSION: \$5.00 TABLE PRICES: \$5.00
TALK-IN: 146.40/147.00 or .52 direct REFRESHMENTS: LOTS

* NOTE!!!! THE HOSSTRADERS SWAPFEST WILL BE HELD IN THE SPRING ON 7 MAY 1988 *
* BUT IT WILL NOT BE HELD AT THE DEERFIELD FAIRGROUNDS. THE NEW LOCATION IS *
* KINGSTON FAIRGROUNDS, KINGSTON, N.H. AT THE SOUTHERN JUNCTION OF RT 111 AND *
* RT 125 IN KINGSTON. *

OTHER NOTES: RAIN OR SHINE (ANNUAL SPRING SWAPFEST) Friday night camping starts at 1600. Profits benefit the Boston Burns Unit of the Shriner's Hospital for Crippled Children. Flea market open at 0600 in the morning Sat. Children. Questions can be answered by sending a sase to Joe Demaso, Star Rt. Box 56, Bucksport, Me. If you plan to camp on the Fairgrounds your camper should be self contained, also there are three commercial camp grounds within walking distance of the fairground.

CLUB: Mid Coast ARC Inc. EVENT: HAMFEST
PLACE: Fairgrounds, Union, Me. DATE: 16 July 1988
DEALER SETUP: OPEN TO PUBLIC:
ADMISSION: TABLE PRICES:
TALK-IN: 146.88 or 146.985 REFRESHMENTS: YES
OTHER NOTES: There will be a Lobster/Clam bake, Young adult programs, ladies programs, Swap tables, tail gating, Commercial dealers, Arts and crafts, net meetings Packet Radio Demos, Camping, Museum of Maine Heritage, Pot Luck Supper, and entertainment. For More info contact Lynda Hawke, KA1FKS, at 198 Cony Street, Agusts, Me. 04330. (Tel. 207-623-2427). Packeteers can leave a message for KQ1L @ KA1NNN. NOTE commercial Dealers contact Win Jackson P.O. Box 213, East Winthrop, Maine 04343.

CLUB: Foundation for Amateur Radio EVENT: FLEA MARKET
PLACE: Gaithersburg, Md DATE: 11 SEP.1988 (SUN)
DEALER SETUP: Sat Night is avail. OPEN TO PUBLIC: 0700
ADMISSION: \$4.00 (buyers) TABLE PRICES:
TALK-IN: REFRESHMENTS:
OTHER NOTES: The event is held at the Fair Grounds in Gathersburg, MD.

***** FARA BANQUET *****

Once again we gather to eat, drink, and swap lies (exaggerations) about our on the air exploits. This year the banquet is at:

Indian Meadows Restaurant & Country Club
(formerly Elizabeth's)
275 Turnpike Road (Route 9)
Westboro, MA
Phone: 617/366-6526

Dinner will be buffet style. No one will go away hungry. Dinner will include:

Salad, cottage cheese, fresh cold vegetables
Standing Prime Ribs of Beef, being carved as desired
Sautéed Breasts of Chicken, sauce Vin Rouge
Creamed Seafood Newburg aux Sherry
Pommes Rissolle - Rice Pilaf
A buttered fresh vegetable in season
Hot Apple Dumpling with hot Cinnamon sauce a la mode
Coffee - Tea - Sanka
Fruit Punch

Cost will be, PER PERSON: \$16.00 (club member & one guest), \$19.00 (NOT club member). This includes dinner, tax, and tip; but not alcohol.

Send your money to: Dick Landau - W1IBN
41 Simpson Drive
Framingham, MA 01701

Your dough must be received NO LATER than: Monday, March 21, 1988. Any questions or problems, Dick can be reached at: Evngs:617/877-3340 Days:617/467-7041.